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2011/1

Revised rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS

The Executive Board

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/176 of 20 December 2010, wherein the Assembly decided that "the name of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund is to be changed to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services",

Further recalling that in the same decision the Assembly also decided "the functions of the Executive Board as set forth in General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993 apply mutatis mutandis to the United Nations Office for Project Services",

Recognizing that this resolution necessitates a revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board to reflect the change in the name and also provides an opportunity to reflect the change in 2002 of the name of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Chief Executives Board,

1. *Approves* the revised Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, as contained in DP/2011/18.

31 January 2011

2011/2

Oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the oral report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy as requested in decision 2006/3;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of mainstreaming gender equality as reflected in General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and in the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2013;

3. *Welcomes* the efforts and the results of UNDP in: (a) promoting gender-responsive economic policy management; (b) incorporating sex-disaggregated data in the Human Development Reports; (c) improving the measures for gender equality and the empowerment of women; (d) promoting political participation of women at all levels; (e) advocating for adequate resource allocations for gender equality in post-conflict recovery and reconstruction; and (f) ensuring that women benefit equally from climate change finance mechanisms; and *encourages* UNDP to further strengthen gender mainstreaming in all four of its thematic areas and reflect it in the annual report;

4. *Takes note of* the first results of the gender marker, which reveal that progress has been achieved and that challenges remain for mainstreaming gender; *encourages* UNDP to continue to strengthen the application of this tool and to fully integrate it in its planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems; and *welcomes* the efforts of UNDP to share its tool and experiences with other United Nations organizations, especially UN-Women, as a way to improve gender accountability within the United Nations system;

5. *Welcomes* the work of the Gender Steering and Implementation Committee, chaired by the Administrator, to review results in gender mainstreaming and in advancing gender equality, urges UNDP to ensure that management staff at all levels are made accountable for implementation of the gender strategy; *calls* especially on all bureau directors to assume greater responsibility for achieving gender equality throughout the organization, and *calls* for the Gender Steering and Implementation Committee to be replicated at the regional level;

6. *Recalls* the request of the Executive Board to identify further measures, including evaluating the position and mandate of the gender team in the Bureau for Development Policy, to raise the profile of the UNDP gender policy and increase the attention given to its implementation, and *requests* that, as part of the annual report in June, the Administrator report on concrete measures taken to implement this request;

7. *Notes* that the creation of UN-Women does not relieve UNDP and other United Nations organizations of their responsibility to continue to strengthen gender equality and the empowerment of women in their mandate areas; *recognizes* the significant support UNDP has provided during the transition process; and *strongly urges* UNDP to work closely with UN-Women to advance gender equality on the basis of complementary and synergetic relationships that address regional and country-specific challenges, working as part of the United Nations country team;

8. *Recognizes* that, since 2008, UNDP has invested great efforts in strengthening capacity for gender mainstreaming, and *requests* UNDP both to continue to maintain and to increase its investments to accelerate the strengthening of capacity and the delivery of programming for gender equality and the empowerment of women, in line with the gender equality strategy;

9. *Reiterates* its request to the Administrator to provide an oral report annually to the Executive Board, at its first regular session, on the implementation of the gender equality strategy, as set forth in DP/2005/7, for the remainder of the period of the UNDP strategic plan, and *welcomes* the background paper that accompanied the annual oral report to the first regular session 2011 of the Executive Board.

3 February 2011

2011/3

Evaluation policy

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* decision 2010/16 on the independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy and the management response;

2. *Recognizes* the importance of developing the national capacities of programme countries to conduct independent evaluations;

3. *Further recognizes* that the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, the UNDP strategic plan and General Assembly resolution 64/289 on system-wide coherence include key principles for UNDP evaluations;

4. *Encourages* UNDP to continue to ensure that the teams conducting independent evaluations possess the highest possible expertise, and continue to promote equitable geographical distribution in the composition of the teams;

5. *Approves* the revised evaluation policy (DP/2011/3);

6. *Urges* UNDP, in order to enhance learning and accountability, to further improve the preparation, submission and tracking of management responses to independent and decentralized evaluations, and to incorporate lessons learned from these evaluations in the design, presentation and implementation of programmes in order to achieve greater efficiency and impact;

7. *Requests* UNDP to include an overview of the status of the implementation of management responses in the annual report of the Administrator;

8. *Calls upon* UNDP to better track and guide the quality of decentralized evaluations through the regional bureaux in order to ensure that all evaluations meet the minimum quality standards defined by the evaluation office; and *requests* UNDP to include an overview of the quality assessment of decentralized evaluations in its annual report on evaluation.

3 February 2011

2011/4

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to disaster prevention and recovery, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to disaster prevention and recovery contained in document DP/2011/4 and the management response thereto (document DP/2011/5);

2. *Notes* the important role that UNDP plays in helping countries reduce risks and vulnerabilities, and respond to natural disasters;

3. *Urges* UNDP to better integrate its poverty reduction, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction programming at the country level, especially in dealing with commonly occurring disasters, including those caused by environmental degradation and climate change;

4. *Urges* UNDP to further intensify its efforts to support strengthening national capacities, including for disaster risk reduction, early recovery and sustainable development;

5. *Urges* UNDP to continue to improve its administrative procedures and partnership mechanisms to facilitate more rapid and effective response to disaster recovery assistance requests;

6. *Encourages* UNDP to strengthen its collaboration with other United Nations organizations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders in the field, including those participating in the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, in order to further strengthen cooperation and action in disaster risk reduction;

7. *Encourages* UNDP, as part of strengthening its South-South and triangular cooperation in disaster prevention and recovery, to identify specific areas where these partnerships can be particularly useful and achieve tangible outcomes;

8. *Encourages* UNDP to ensure that gender issues are fully mainstreamed into disaster prevention and recovery programming as women continue to be affected disproportionately by disasters;

9. *Urges* UNDP to look carefully at the time frames proposed in the evaluation for implementing the recommendations, so as to ensure that these represent achievable outcomes with realistic time frames.

3 February 2011

2011/5

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening national capacities, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening national capacities (DP/2011/6) and *takes note of* the management response thereto (DP/2011/7);

2. *Takes note of* the conclusion that UNDP has done a lot of work and is well placed to continue to take a lead role to enhance capacity development at country, regional and global levels, but it has not fully utilized the lessons reflected in its own guidance;

3. *Encourages* UNDP to strengthen mechanisms for capturing from its wide network of country offices emerging innovations and lessons learned regarding capacity development; to more efficiently develop, disseminate and scale up the implementation of good practices; and to review by 2013 the impact of these interventions on UNDP skills and practice in the context of the required capacity-development competencies;

4. *Urges* UNDP to ensure that guidance is user friendly and better aligned with national realities, and emphasizes the need for UNDP to ensure that national partners are aware of the principles of effective capacity development;

5. *Urges* UNDP to ensure that capacity development is effectively mainstreamed in its operational activities, particularly at the country level and to use the medium term review of the strategic plan as an opportunity to enhance this;

6. *Urges* UNDP to set as a top priority of its development activities the strengthening of national partners' capacities, and to clearly define exit strategies with the aim of ensuring that national partners possess the full capacity to deliver autonomously without the United Nations having to play the same role again;

7. *Urges* UNDP to maximize its contribution to nationally led and sustainable long-term capacity development.

3 February 2011

2011/6

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to environmental management for poverty reduction: the poverty-environment nexus, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to environmental management for poverty reduction: the poverty-environment nexus (DP/2011/8), which provides a model for integrating growth, poverty reduction and natural resource management at the country level;

2. *Takes note of* the management response thereto (DP/2011/9);

3. *Welcomes* the commitment by UNDP to ensure that the lessons learned from the poverty-environment initiative are used to guide future strategy on the poverty-environment nexus, and looks forward to UNDP incorporating these lessons in the design, presentation and implementation of programmes;

4. *Urges* UNDP, as a part of its efforts to improve governance, to ensure an integrated and multisectoral approach to growth, poverty reduction and natural resource management at the country level;

5. *Emphasizes* the need for governments to recognize and show commitment to the possibilities for poverty reduction through the poverty-environment nexus, thereby increasing the chances of an effective implementation of the Poverty-Environment Initiative;

6. *Urges* UNDP to intensify its efforts to work with programme countries to recognize the potential for poverty reduction through the poverty environment nexus;

7. *Emphasizes* the need for UNDP to continue to build on its analytical work and successful experiences in programming to better integrate poverty reduction and environmental management in its country-level operations;

8. *Urges* UNDP to provide guidelines and to create verifiable indicators on integrating poverty reduction and environmental management goals into programming at the global, regional and country levels, and to strengthen the technical expertise of staff to implement such integration;

9. *Urges* UNDP to review its organizational incentives to minimize internal barriers to cross-practice cooperation between focus areas;

10 *Urges* UNDP to ensure that the Poverty Environment Initiative is used as a model for scaling up its operations at the country level and for collaboration between UNDP and UNEP, building on the comparative advantages of each organization;

11. *Encourages* UNDP to assess how the Poverty Environment Initiative model can be developed further to include policy implementation in order to achieve development impact;

12. *Encourages* UNDP to continue and to strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations agencies regarding the poverty-environment nexus;

13. *Stresses* that ongoing engagement with partner governments at the Board level is vital as UNDP develops its strategy to support environmental management for poverty reduction over the coming years.

3 February 2011

2011/7

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening local governance, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening local governance (DP/2011/10) and *takes note of* the management response thereto (DP/2011/11);

2. *Emphasizes* the need for UNDP to more explicitly and effectively mainstream local governance into programme areas by developing a coherent strategy note that is firmly grounded in the practice of human development and is designed to address the areas requiring improvement which were highlighted in the evaluation;

3. *Recommends* that after the publication of the strategy note UNDP conduct a review of the level of mainstreaming of local governance in programme areas, use the results to assess the continuing effectiveness of the strategy note, and update the Executive Board on any progress made;

4. *Encourages* UNDP to strengthen its collaboration and complementarity with the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Volunteers, as well as with development partners, including other United Nations organizations and bilateral donors, in order to provide support for effective initiatives in the area of local governance;

5. *Welcomes* the strengthening of communities of practice and of partnerships on local governance and local development and the improvements to knowledge sharing across UNDP.

6. *Urges* UNDP to continue to focus on gender mainstreaming as part of all its activities to strengthen local governance, and to engage in strategic cooperation with UN-Women on this issue.

3 February 2011

2011/8

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the evaluation of the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results (DP/2011/12);

2. *Takes notes of* the management response thereto (DP/2011/13);

3. *Takes note of* the conclusion that, despite modest resources, UNDP regional programmes have made significant and long-standing contributions to development results, promoting cooperation among countries in building regional and national institutions as well as addressing cross-border and common challenges;

4. *Urges* UNDP to review its organizational structures and incentives to foster a corporate culture that encourages interregional lesson learning and programmatic collaboration and that ensures the use of regionally grounded knowledge across the organization;

5. *Takes note of* the 2008 functional alignment policy establishing the regional service centres and the progress made to date in ensuring the relevance and effectiveness of regional service centre support to country offices;

6. *Urges* UNDP, based on lessons learned to date regarding the regional service centres, to develop a strategic corporate business model that covers the global, regional and country levels, provides a sustainable and transparent allocation of funds and human resources, sets clear lines of responsibility and mandates for the regional centres, ensures that functions and services are not duplicated, and facilitates the location of capacity in the most appropriate place;

7. *Welcomes* the commitment of UNDP to establish criteria and guidance developing the best use of regional approaches.

3 February 2011

2011/9

Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2008-2009

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the reports of the Board of Auditors on UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and the reports of the organizations on their implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (DP/2011/14, DP/FPA/2011/1 and DP/2011/15);

2. *Takes note of* the unqualified audit opinions issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors on the financial statements of UNDP and UNOPS for the biennium that ended 31 December 2009, and *notes with concern* that UNFPA received a qualified audit opinion from the Board of Auditors;

3. *Encourages* UNDP and UNOPS to undertake the necessary steps to continue to receive unqualified audit opinions from the United Nations Board of Auditors; *takes note of* actions under way by UNFPA to address the recommendations in the report of the Board of Auditors on UNFPA for the biennium that ended 31 December 2009; and *urges* the management of UNFPA to take immediate and necessary action with the aim of receiving an unqualified audit opinion for the next biennium;

4. *Requests* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to ensure full compliance with the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and to address, as a matter of priority, recurring issues that the Board of Auditors has raised in its reports on their respective organizations, in particular regarding issues affecting the management and the oversight of expenditures in high-risk environments and programme-execution modalities, as well as with regard to the smooth functioning of Atlas and the introduction of the international public sector accounting standards;

5. *Emphasizes* that national execution should be the preferred option, wherever appropriate, in the operational activities of the organizations, and *takes note of* the steps taken to improve oversight and monitoring of operations and expenditures associated with this modality and *recognizes* the importance of further improvement in this regard;

6. *Notes* the significant increase in the number of complaints in cases of fraud and presumptive fraud in UNDP and in UNFPA, and *requests* UNDP and UNFPA to further elaborate, in their 2010 annual internal audit reports to the Executive Board and in their management responses, the steps taken to address these issues;

With respect to UNDP:

7. *Notes* that this is the second consecutive biennium that the United Nations Board of Auditors has given UNDP an unqualified audit opinion with respect to its financial statements;

8. *Encourages* UNDP to strive for continuous operational improvements in anticipation of the implementation of the international public sector accounting standards, with the informal guidance from the United Nations Board of Auditors on the appropriate option of the individual accounting policies of the international public sector accounting standards, and also drawing on the experience of other United Nations organizations that have already implemented the international public sector accounting standards;

9. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of the UNDP cash balance and *requests* UNDP to provide, at the annual session 2011 of the Executive Board, detailed information on the level of unspent funds, including on the reasons why funds are unspent, as well as on the UNDP investment policy and practices, and the steps taken to ensure a more appropriate level of liquidity;

10. *Encourages* UNDP to continue to build on the progress made in addressing audit-related priorities in 2008-2009, and in addressing the top 10 audit-related management priorities for the 2010-2011 biennium;

With respect to UNFPA:

11. *Takes note of* the action under way in UNFPA to address, on a priority basis, the challenges related to national execution and compliance with procedures – challenges that gave rise to a qualified audit opinion on the financial statements of UNFPA for the biennium that ended 31 December 2009;

12. *Takes note of* the UNFPA plan of action to prevent similar audit and oversight risks in the future, and *encourages* further improvements in user-friendliness and in effective, up-to-date guidance, training and oversight mechanisms to incorporate, throughout the organization, lessons learned from audit findings;

13. *Recognizes* the ongoing efforts of management to establish a comprehensive internal control system for the organization; *emphasizes*, in this regard, the importance of strengthening internal control and increasing capacity in decentralized offices, and ensuring compliance with procedures; and *notes* the ongoing efforts to establish personal accountability mechanisms that ensure that managers are held responsible for implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;

14. *Requests* UNFPA to update the Executive Board on the continuous development and implementation of its internal control framework;

15. *Stresses* the importance of accountability at all levels and *encourages* UNFPA to closely monitor the follow-up process in order to ensure that appropriate, timely and full action is taken in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;

16. *Acknowledges* the importance of sustained support at all levels of international cooperation to strengthen national execution and to promote the use of national systems;

With respect to UNOPS:

17. *Recognizes* the progress made by UNOPS in implementing robust financial controls and in implementing 90 per cent of the audit recommendations raised in prior bienniums;

18. *Acknowledges* the full replenishment of the UNOPS operational reserve as at 31 December 2009.

3 February 2011

2011/10

Mock-up of the 2012-2013 biennial budgets of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the joint informal note of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF on the road map to an integrated budget: cost classification and results-based budgeting, prepared in response to decision 2010/32 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, and decision 2010/20 of the Executive Board of UNICEF, containing:

(a) information on differences in the categorization of costs into cost classifications;

(b) an informal mock-up illustrating the format of key budget tables and accompanying explanations;

2. *Acknowledges* that the additional information presented should ensure comprehensive and transparent linkages to the institutional and management results frameworks of the respective strategic plans of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF;

3. *Endorses* the results-based budgeting approach contained in the joint informal note;

4. *Notes* the efforts made by UNDP and UNFPA to strengthen their results frameworks and *encourages* UNDP and UNFPA, in the implementation of the results-based budgeting approach, to continue to improve the indicators to be 'specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound', and to link resources and expected results in a more explicit manner;

5. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA to prepare and present their 2012-2013 biennial budget documents in line with the format of the key budget tables and accompanying explanations presented in the joint informal note mentioned in paragraph 1, above, including the results of the joint review of the impact of cost definitions and classifications of activities on cost recovery;

6. *Emphasizes* the need for regular consultations with the Executive Board, in preparation for the biennial support budget, 2012-2013, and for the integrated budget for 2014 and beyond.

3 February 2011

2011/11

Global Environment Facility: amendments to the Global Environment Facility Instrument

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of DP/2011/17 which contains two amendments to the Global Environment Facility instrument;

2. *Adopts* the two amendments as presented in paragraph 8 of DP/2011/17.

3 February 2011

2011/12

Human Development Report

The Executive Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/264 on the Human Development Report;

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

Further recalling its decision 94/15;

Recalling the strong concerns and diverse views expressed by Member States regarding, inter alia, the use of new terminology, indicators and the periodicity of the Human Development Report, including during the informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2010, the annual session 2010, as contained in document DP/2010/33, and the first regular session 2011;

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of decision 41/112 of the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council;

Acknowledging that the Human Development Report is an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world;

1. *Reaffirms* that the preparation of the Human Development Report should be undertaken in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States, with due regard to the impartial nature and use of sources;

2. *Calls upon* the Human Development Report Office to further improve the consultation process with Member States on the Human Development Report, in an inclusive and transparent manner, taking into account the relevant intergovernmental decisions and resolutions adopted in that regard;

3. *Emphasizes* the need to take into account the discussions conducted at the United Nations Statistical Commission on the sound use of indicators and methodologies, in order to enhance the usefulness of the Report as a tool to advance the knowledge and understanding of development issues globally;

4. *Affirms* that the Human Development Report is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

5. *Requests* the UNDP Administrator to report at the annual session 2011 on the measures taken by UNDP and the Human Development Report Office, taking into account their respective roles, to ensure full implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/264 and corresponding decisions of the Executive Board;

6. *Decides* to undertake an in-depth discussion on all aspects related to the Human Development Report at the annual sessions, including on the fulfillment of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/264, with a view to improving its quality and accuracy, as well as preserving its credibility and impartiality, without compromising its editorial independence.

3 February 2011

2011/13

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2011

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its first regular session 2011, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2011:

President: H.E. Ms. Edita Hrdá (Czech Republic)

Vice-President: Mr. Takeshi Osuga (Japan)

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe (Cameroon)

Vice-President: Mr. Nojibur Rahman (Bangladesh)

Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Carlos E. García-Gonzalez (El Salvador)

Adopted the agenda and workplan for its first regular session 2011 (DP/2011/L.1).

Adopted the report of the second regular session 2010 (DP/2011/1).

Adopted the annual workplan for 2011 (DP/2011/CRP.1).

Approved the tentative workplan for the annual session 2011.

Agreed to the following schedule for the remaining sessions of the Executive Board in 2011:

Annual session 2011: 6 to 17 June 2011 (New York)

Second regular session 2011: 6 to 9 September 2011.

Adopted decision 2011/1 on the revised rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

UNDP segment

Item 2

Gender in UNDP

Adopted decision 2011/2 on the oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy.

Item 3

Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programmes:

Africa region: Burkina Faso and Zambia;

Arab States region: Somalia;

Asia and the Pacific States region: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia and Maldives;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Chile and Uruguay.

Took note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Peru (DP/2011/19).

Took note of the draft common country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP-FPA/DCCP/TZA/1) and the comments made thereon.

Item 4

Evaluation

Adopted decision 2011/3 on the evaluation policy.

Adopted decision 2011/4 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to disaster prevention and recovery, and the management response.

Adopted decision 2011/5 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening national capacities, and the management response.

Adopted decision 2011/6 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to environmental management for poverty reduction: the poverty-environment nexus, and the management response.

Adopted decision 2011/7 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening local governance, and the management response.

Adopted decision 2011/8 on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results, and the management response.

Item 10

Other matters

Adopted decision 2011/11 on the Global Environment Facility: amendments to the Global Environment Facility Instrument.

Item 11

United Nations Capital Development Fund

Took note of the oral report on the update for 2010 and the priorities for 2011-2013.

Item 12

Adopted decision 2011/12 on the Human Development Report.

UNOPS segment

United Nations Office for Project Services

Took note of an oral report by the Executive Director.

Joint segment

Item 5

Report to the Economic and Social Council

Took note of the joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council (E/2011/5) and the comments made thereon, for transmission to the Council.

Item 6

Recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors

Adopted decision 2011/9 on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2008-2009.

Item 7

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Adopted decision 2011/10 on the mock-up of the 2012-2013 biennial budgets of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.

Took note of the reports of UNDP (DP/2011/16) and UNFPA (DP/FPA/2011/2) on human resources management.

UNFPA segment

Item 8

Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programme documents:

Africa: Burkina Faso and Zambia;

Arab States: Somalia;

Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia and Maldives;

Latin America and the Caribbean: Uruguay.

Took note of the draft common country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP-FPA/DCCP/TZA/1) and the comments made thereon.

Item 9

Midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2008-2013

Heard an oral presentation on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, including the UNFPA humanitarian response strategy.

Adopted an oral decision to postpone the presentation of the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan from the annual session 2011 to the second regular session 2011.

Adopted an oral decision on the statement of the Executive Director, UNFPA, as follows:

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the presentation of the vision of the Executive Director of UNFPA contained in his first statement to the Executive Board, including the interlinkages between the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the relevant upcoming international conferences, namely the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, the United Nations Conference on Youth and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, for achieving the internationally agreed development goals;

2. *Notes* the role of UNFPA in support of the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health, including through the coordination of global partners, and *further notes* its programmatic work with the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health to support countries that have

made commitments, as well as those that intend to make commitments, to eliminate high levels of maternal, newborn and child mortality;

3. *Encourages* UNFPA to support Member States to ensure successful outcomes of the relevant upcoming international conferences.

Joint meeting

Held a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP on 4 and 7 February 2011, which addressed the following topics:

(a) equity: narrowing gaps to push for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) mainstreaming gender through the work of the agencies and envisaged collaboration with UN-Women;

(c) efficiency of emergency response and the transition to recovery and long-term development: lessons learned; and

(d) delivering as one: follow-up to Hanoi.

Also held the following informal briefings:

Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF informal consultation on the mock-up of the 2012-2013 biennial budgets of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.

Informal consultation on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan.

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
ANNUAL SESSION 2011
(6 -17 June 2011, New York)

Monday, 6 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS** • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2011 **UNDP SEGMENT** **STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR**
		2	**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR** • Midterm review, including the annual report for 2010, of the UNDP strategic plan • Report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2010 • Statistical annex
	3 – 6 p.m.		**UNDP special event**
Tuesday, 7 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	2	**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)**
		3	**FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP** • Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2011 and onwards
	3 – 5 p.m.	4	**EVALUATION** • Annual report on evaluation
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 8 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	6	**UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS** • Midterm review of the UNDP global programme • Draft country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes • Approval of the common country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania
	3 – 5 p.m.	6	**UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)**
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 9 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	9	**UNOPS SEGMENT** • Annual report of the Executive Director
	3 – 5 p.m.	7	**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)** **UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND** • Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2010, including progress report on the implementation of the strategic partnership between UNCDF and UNDP (decision 2009/12)
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 10 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	8	**UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS** • Presentation on planning planning for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers and on the fortieth anniversary of UNV (decision 2010/19)
	3 – 5 p.m.	5	**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

			• Update on Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
		16	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Revisions of UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules • ACABQ report on the revisions of UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Monday, 13 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • Report of the Executive Director for 2010 • Statistical and financial review, 2010 • UNFPA report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2010
	3 – 5 p.m.	13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
		14	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNFPA • Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2011 and future years
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 14 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	15	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents and extensions of country programmes • Approval of the common country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania
	3 – 5 p.m.	15	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 15 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT**
		10	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and oversight activities, and management responses
	3 – 6 p.m.	11	REPORTS OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS ETHICS OFFICE • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS Ethics Offices (decision 2010/17)
Thursday, 16 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)** Update on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan
	3 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 17 June	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		12	FIELD VISITS • Reports on field visits
	12 – 1 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*

	3 – 6 p.m.	17	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2011 • Closing of the session